

REMARKS

The Office Action of November 10, 2005 rejected Claims 13-22 under U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yoshida reference (U.S. Pat. 5,552,896).

Rejection of Claims 13-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

In response to office action, the applicants have amended claims 13, 17, 19 and 20 to further clarify where the recording terminates and where the second recording starts. Support for the amendments are found in Figures 5 and 7 and in pages 43-45 paragraphs 74-75 and pages 45-46 paragraphs 78-79. No new matter is being added.

Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner that Yoshida discloses that “in the case of recording one cluster, e.g., the K-th cluster  $C_K$ , recording is carried out with 36 sectors including not only 32 sectors B0~B31 of the cluster  $C_K$  and a single sub-code sector S, but also two sectors L2, L3 on the cluster  $C_{K-1}$  side (run-in block) and a single sector L1 on the cluster  $C_{K+1}$  side (run-out block) being as a unit”. (See column 8, lines 48-54 and Fig. 4 of Yoshida) Additionally, Yoshida discloses in Fig.4 and claims 6 and 7 that, each of sectors B0-B31, a sub-code sector S, and linking sectors L1-L3 includes cluster address data and sector address data.

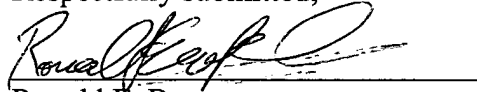
However, Yoshida fails to disclose or suggest terminating the recording of the K-th cluster after recording a part of a next cluster (K+1-th cluster) without recording up to an end of the next cluster.

On the other hand, a recording method of the presently claimed invention terminates a recording of first record information after recording a part of a next data block including ID information subsequent to the last data block containing the first record information

without recording up to an end of the next data block. (See Figs. 5 and 7 of the present application) Therefore, the claims as amended are not anticipated by Yoshida. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 13-22 is respectfully requested.

The Applicants respectfully request for an early examination and allowance. The applicants do not believe that any fees are due other than the fee for the request for the three extension of time submitted with this response. However, if any additional fees are due, please charge such sums to our Deposit Account 50-1145.

Respectfully submitted,

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